

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE (Chapter 159)

ORDER THAT A BARRISTER BE SUSPENDED FROM PRACTISING
SIO, CHAN IN DEVIN

In accordance with section 37A(2) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159), I hereby give notice that on the 2nd day of August 2022 a Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal found three complaints against SIO, Chan In Devin ("Mr. SIO") proved. Mr. SIO acted in breach of paragraph 6(d) of the Code of Conduct of the Hong Kong Bar ("the Bar Code") (effective from May 1998) and/or paragraph 4.1(d) of the Bar Code (effective from 20 July 2017) for Complaint 1; in breach of paragraph 91 of the Bar Code (effective from May 1998) for Complaint 2 and in breach of paragraph 4.1(b)(i) of the Bar Code (effective from 15 November 2018) for Complaint 3.

The Tribunal on 10th October 2022 ordered that:—

(1) On Complaint 1:—

- (a) Mr. SIO is suspended from practising for a period of 30 months from the date of publication of these Orders, pursuant to Section 37(b) of Chapter 159; and
- (b) Mr. SIO do, within 120 days of this Order, repay to Mr. LIU Man-chuen, Eddy ("Mr. LIU") the sum of HK\$39,500, the amount paid to him by Mr. LIU in relation to action DCCJ 157 of 2017, pursuant to Section 37(d) of Chapter 159.

(2) On Complaint 2:—

- (a) Mr. SIO is censured, pursuant to Section 37(a) of Chapter 159; and
- (b) Mr. SIO do, within 120 days of this Order, pay a penalty of HK\$2,500.00 into the general revenue, pursuant to Section 37(e) of Chapter 159.

(3) On Complaint 3:—

Mr. SIO is suspended from practicing for a period of 15 months, to run consecutively from the suspension ordered on Complaint 1, pursuant to Section 37(b) of Chapter 159.

(4) On Complaints, 1,2 and 3:—

Mr. SIO do, within 120 days of this Order, pay HK\$406,800.34, being a reasonable contribution towards the indemnity costs of and incidental to the proceedings of the Tribunal in relation to the matters before the Tribunal, pursuant to Section 37(f) of Chapter 159.

The Statement of Findings pursuant to section 37A of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, Chapter 159 dated 2nd August 2022 and the Decision and Orders of the Tribunal pursuant to sections 37 and 37A of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, Chapter 159 were filed with the Registrar on the 19th day of the December 2022.

19 December 2022

K. H. HUI Registrar, High Court